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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3040

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0967

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, US, SO

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE VISIT TO BERBERA

1. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LED BY CONGRESSMAN STRATTON DEPARTED  
MOGADISCIO FOR RETURN TO US AT APPROXIMATELY 0840 HRS LOCAL  
JULY 7.

2. CONGRESSIONAL GROUP VISITED BERBERA FOR THREE HOUR INSPECTION  
TOUR JULY 6. VISIT WAS NOT RPT NOT AS SUCCESSFUL AS TOUR OF  
SENATOR BARTLETT.

3. ALTHOUGH SOMALI HOSTS TOOK CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF MEMBERS ON  
TOUR OF BERBERA FACILITIES, THEY DID NOT RPT NOT PERMIT CONGRESSMEN  
TO DESCEND FROM LANDROVERS AT COMMUNICATIONS SITES, AT TRAILER  
AND BARRACKS AREA AND AT MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY. ONLY CONGRESSMEN  
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THEMSELVES, AND NOT RPT NOT STAFF MEMBERS, WERE PERMITTED

ENTRANCE TO MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY. THEY WERE UNABLE TO INSPECT IT IN DETAIL.

4. CONGRESSMEN BELIEVE SOMALI GOVT. WELSHED ON GUARANTEE THAT ALL DOORS AT BERBERA WOULD BE OPEN TO THEM. SOMALI OFFICIALS THEMSELVES TROUBLED AND DISAPPOINTED BY CONGRESSIONAL VISIT. SOME SOMALI OFFICIALS CONTEND THAT US GROUP DID NOT RPT NOT SHOW SUFFICIENT APPRECIATION FOR SOMALI SENSITIVITIES AND WAS TOO AGGRESSIVE IN DETERMINATION TO INSPECT FACILITIES IN ALL DETAIL. YET THIS IN FACT WAS WHAT HAD BEEN PROMISED BY PRESIDENT SIAD.

5. CONGRESSMAN STRATTON TOGETHER WITH OTHER CONGRESSMEN AND STAFFERS VISITED SOMALI RESETTLEMENT AREAS SOUTH OF MOGADISCIO EARLY MORNING OF JULY 7 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. VISIT THUS CONCLUDED ON MORE POSITIVE NOTE AND TOOK SOME OF EDGE OFF RATHER DISAPPOINTING VISIT TO BERBERA ON PREVIOUS DAY.  
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